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Exhibit Results in Baltimore

The MSNA exhibit area at the Whitman Baltimore Coin Expo March 31 - April 2 held six exhibits by four exhibitors.



Best of Show (1/10 oz. gold eagle): *Watch Your Head! Helmets from the Late Bronze Age to the Space Age* by Michael Shutterly.



Master (1/10 oz. platinum eagle): *A Selection of Coal Mining SCRIP - A Miner's Wages in Tokens* by Michael Hicks.



Superior (1/25 oz. gold Fiji coin) *Israel & Currency: Her Innovative Approach to the Question of Idolatrous Money* by Simcha Kuritzky.

The exhibit *Expo '70 Fair in Osaka, Japan: Progress and Harmony for Mankind* by Simcha Kuritzky was not eligible for an award since there is a limit of one award per exhibitor.

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Exhibit Results at the NMS in Dallas



MSNA life member **Michael Shutterly** won Best of Show and People's Choice for his exhibit *Remember the Ladies* on empresses of the Severan Dynasty of Rome. His exhibit on Byzantine gold won second place Best of Show. **Simcha Kuritzky's** exhibit on Hindu worship medals won third place Best of Show.

Exhibit Results at PAN in Pittsburgh



MSNA Treasurer and Editor **Simcha Kuritzky** (left photo) won first place in world coins and a 1/10 ounce gold eagle with his exhibit *Tan Seng Yong's Tiger Commemoratives: Singapore, 1986*. His exhibit *Expo '70 Fair in Osaka, Japan: Progress and Harmony for Mankind* took first place in exonumia. MSNA Secretary **Bryce Doxzon** (right photo) entered an exhibit on Baltimore's 1915 centennial celebration of the Star-Spangled Banner non-competitively. MSNA life member **Tom Corey** presented the awards as the PAN Exhibits Chair.

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Israel's Languages on Trade Coins

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

Anyone who visits Canada readily sees that both English and French are the national languages, and this bilingualism appears on their money as well. Many other countries use multiple languages and alphabets; India may hold the record for showing denominations in 15 languages on their notes. Israel's official languages are Hebrew and Arabic, but how has Israel reflected this on her coins? The answer has changed over time.



Under the British, the Palestine Currency Board (PCB) used English, Hebrew, and Arabic on coins and notes. The entity name and denominations were in all three languages, and both the denomination and date used both Western and Arabic numerals, though the date was only given in the Christian or Common Era (CE). The first money produced by the Yishuv were the half mil tax tokens of 1938, which were entirely in Hebrew including the Jewish year which was written with letters using their numeric values. On Israel's emergency 25 mil coin of 1948-9, the denomination was in Hebrew and Arabic as was the state name, the date in Hebrew, and no English at all.



In late 1949, Israel's regular coinage arrived from a private English mint. Again, no English and now the Arabic denomination disappeared as well. She didn't add the country name in English until the new half and one lira denominations were introduced in 1963, and this was continued on all new denominations introduced thereafter. When Israel debuted the five sheqalim in 1982, it included the denomination in the Latin alphabet. Israel put the denomination in Arabic numerals and words back on coins in 1992 on the five new sheqalim coin, and it also appears today on the

two and the new sheqalim coins. Only the one new sheqel and agorot denominations today circulate without a trilingual denomination. However, dates are only given in the Jewish Era using Hebrew letters.



Israel started issuing commemorative coins for sale to collectors on her tenth anniversary of independence in 1958. The coins were entirely in Hebrew, except they included the country name in Arabic and Western year. Some coins, like the Purim half shekel of 1961-2, didn't even include the Western year. The country name in English became a permanent feature in 1968. Not all coins had an inscription, but those that did were in Hebrew, like the ingathering of the exiles theme on Israel's 1959 independence day ₪5.



The 1971 Let My People Go 10 lirot was the first to include it in English as well. The first commemoratives with the legend in Hebrew, Arabic and English were the 1980 Egypt Peace Treaty and 1994 Jordan Peace Treaty coins. By 1984, over half of the commemorative coins issued had legends in Hebrew and English, and English legends became an almost permanent feature by 1991. Arabic legends started to appear regularly in 2000, and are on almost all commemorative coins issued after 2002.

There was considerable anti-British feeling as Israel became independent, so English was left off of Israel's early money. While denominations in Arabic appeared on the first coins and notes, it quickly disappeared. This may have reflected Israel's focus on pushing Hebrew out to her immigrant population, especially those from Arab countries. But in the 1980s and '90s, both English and Arabic denominations returned.

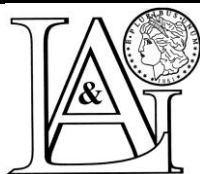
Local News

The **Washington Numismatic Society** has been watching videos on Indo-Parthian coinage from the University of Calcutta, Roman coinage from the French National Center of Scientific Research, and from Coin Week, minting gold Philharmonic coins at the Vienna Mint, preview of Perth Mint 2018 products, and dealers' favorite coins and medals. June 19 will be the semi-annual pot-luck dinner.

At the **Montgomery County Coin Club** April meeting, Calvin Mitchell of the U.S. Postal Museum spoke on stamps and covers commemorating the black or Buffalo soldiers. MCCC President and colonial reenactor **Tom Betsock** spoke on General Richard Montgomery, the namesake for the county. On June 12, **Julian Leidman** will make his annual appearance to present his "State of the Hobby" address.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
First				Baltimore
Second	Cambridge, Colonial	Montgomery, West Maryland	Belmar, MR, Catonsville	
Third	Colonial (some-times), Bel Mar	Washington Numis. Soc.		Baltimore
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What's Your Sign?

Part Thirty-Nine: Warner Brothers Cartoon Characters

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

In 2012, I bought an unusual set of zodiac medals put out by Warner Brothers Communications featuring their best-known, and a few lesser-known, cartoon characters, as shown on the front cover. The designers made some attempt to match the character with the zodiac sign, but it is often a stretch. Aries the ram is represented by Tasmanian Devil wearing horns. Bugs Bunny represents Taurus because he's riding a bull (from the 1953 short *Bully for Bugs*). Gemini shows Bugs and Daffy Duck as twins because Daffy is wearing a rabbit costume. Daffy represents Cancer because he's fighting a crab who has grabbed his bill. The Leo medal has two minor characters, Leo the Lion from the 1942 cartoon *Hold the Lion Please* and Rudolph the Hairy Monster (also called Gossamer) first introduced in the 1946 short *Hare-Raising Hare*. Virgo features Lola Bunny from the 1996 film *Space Jam* holding some wheat sheaves. Sylvester the Cat holds a balance scale for the Libra medal while Tweety Bird sits in one of the pans. Scorpio, which is ruled by the planet Mars, features Marvin the Martian. Sagittarius the hunter's medal shows Wile E. Coyote holding a bow and dynamite tipped arrow while the Road Runner looks on. Foghorn Leghorn rides a goat for Capricorn's medal, while Henery Hawk rides on his shoulder. The Aquarius medal shows Pepe Le Pew trying to kiss Penelope Pussycat who is simultaneously pouring out the water from a flower vase onto him presumably as a prelude to braining him with the vase. The last medal is Pisces the fish. Sylvester the Cat hungrily grabs at two smiling fish (maybe they think being eaten will be less painful than asphyxiation).

The medals are 44mm in diameter but only 24.5 grams. I suspect they are chrome-plated and enameled aluminum. Each has the same format but a distinctive color scheme. On the obverse, an inner circle shows all 12 sigils of the zodiac (except where the cartoon characters obscure them) black on white except the featured sign is white on black, usually at 7 o'clock. Outside the zodiac circle is writing. At top is the Latin name and at the bottom are the sun sign dates written in full. The reverse shows the zodiac wheel around the edge where the featured sign is always at 12 o'clock. In the center are four adjectives that describe people born under that sign. The primary color is the background for the obverse outer circle

and reverse inner circle, while the secondary color is used for the inner circle and usually the lettering, but sometimes a third color is used for the lettering. The layouts are as follows:

Zodiac Sign / Colors	Dates
♈ ARIES / red, yellow Dynamic, Pioneering, Adventuresome, Confident	Mar. 21 – April 20
♉ TAURUS / green, tan Determined, Warm-hearted, Security-loving, Reliable	April 21 – May 21
♊ GEMINI /mustard, yellow, blue Adaptable, Communicative, Intellectual, Youthful	May 22 – June 21
♋ CANCER / cyan, green, red Intuitive, Protective, Sympathetic, Emotional	June 22 – July 22
♌ LEO / orange, yellow, red Creative, Enthusiastic, Generous, Loving	July 23 – Aug. 23
♍ VIRGO / navy blue, tan Modest, Analytical, Meticulous, Diligent	Aug. 24 – Sept. 22
♎ LIBRA / pink, cyan Charming, Idealistic, Diplomatic, Sociable	Sept. 23 – Oct. 23
♏ SCORPIO / dark brown, yellow Forceful, Emotional, Passionate, Magnetic	Oct. 24 – Nov. 22
♐ SAGITTARIUS / violet, yellow Jovial, Freedom-loving, Straightforward, Philosophical	Nov. 23 – Dec. 21
♑ CAPRICORN / brown, yellow Patient, Humorous, Ambitious, Practical	Dec. 22 – Jan. 20
♒ AQUARIUS / blue, yellow, tan Loyal, Humanitarian, Independent, Original	Jan. 21 – Feb. 18
♓ PISCES /cadet blue, yellow, tan Intuitive, Compassionate, Imaginative, Sensitive	Feb. 19 – March. 20

On the two Sylvester medals, the inner circles on both sides use the secondary color. At the bottom of the reverse inner circle of all medals is the inscription LOONEY TUNES: TM & © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (sll).



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5 Aug. – Catonsville Coin Club Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010 Frederick Road (1 mile from I-695), Catonsville, MD; 10-4.

18 Aug. – Baltimore Stamp & Coin Show, Embassy Suites, 213 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD; 9-3.

26 Aug. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

16 Sept. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge #622, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4:30.

28-30 Sept. – CEO Coins, Currency & Treasures Ocean City Show, Ocean City (Roland E. Powell) Convention Center, 4001 Ocean Highway & 40th Street, Ocean City, MD; Fri. 1-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4.

14 Oct. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

20 Oct. – Baltimore Stamp & Coin Show, Embassy Suites, 213 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD; 9-3. Includes auction.

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25 Nov. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge #622, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4:30.

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